

**ATTACHMENT A**
Remarks

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-20 are pending in the present application. Upon entry of this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 20. Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance based on the discussion which follows.

As an initial point, Applicant respectfully submits that this Amendment After Final should be entered, as the amendments to the claims correct identified informalities, as directed by the Examiner, and removes issues from appeal.

The specification was objected to for including an informality which, by this Amendment, Applicant has amended, thereby obviating the objection to the specification. In addition, claim 1 was objected to for including informalities which have been addressed by the amendments to claim 1.

Claims 1, 6-9 and 11-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for not having antecedent basis for the phrase "the means of abutment." By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 1 by replacing the phrase "the means of abutment" with "the means of blocking," which has antecedent basis.

Claims 1, 6-9 and 11-19 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Based on the claim amendments, as discussed above, Applicant respectfully submits that the aforementioned claims are in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests rejoinder of non-elected species claims 3, 4, 10 and 20. Claim 1 is an allowed generic, linking claim to all pending claims. Claims 3, 4 and 10 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1. Accordingly, claims 3, 4 and 10

present allowable subject matter, as being dependent claims which include all limitations of the allowed claim. In addition, claim 20 is a method claim, which recites a method which uses a cleaning device which has all the limitations of allowed generic, linking claim 1 and, therefore, method claim 20 should be rejoined, in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 821.04(a).

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that claims 3, 4, 10 and 20 be rejoined, in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 821.04(a), and that claims 3, 4, 10 and 20 be found allowable.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

END REMARKS